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LETTER DATED 30 JANUARY 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ANGOLA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit herewith a message dated 24 January 1995 (see annex) from His Excellency Mr. Jose Eduardo dos Santos, President of the Republic of Angola, and request that the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Afonso VAN-DUNEM "MBINDA"
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Annex

Letter dated 24 January 1995 from the President of the Republic of Angola to the Secretary-General

On the eve of another meeting of the Security Council at which questions regarding the Angolan peace process will be discussed, I address myself to you to highlight some issues that, we believe, are fundamental to the success of that process.

The Government of Angola, deeply committed to the full implementation of the Lusaka Protocol (S/1994/1441, annex), has taken initiatives which, one way or another, have contributed to the détente of the internal political climate and are conducive to the establishment of a basis for mutual trust between the Angolan authorities and the União Nacional para a Independência Total de Angola (UNITA), so that the implementation of the understandings reached at Lusaka may proceed normally and without any drawbacks that might defeat the aspirations for peace of the Angola people.

Since there has been some progress, however slow, in the implementation of the Lusaka Protocol, it is crucial that the mechanisms to ensure peace referred to in the Protocol be immediately established, not only because they will help speed up the process significantly, but also to help strengthen the peace.

Therefore, we believe that the commendable efforts of the United Nations in Angola, carried out through your Special Representative, Mr. Allioune Blondin Beye, would have a more effective impact on the peace process if the Security Council would approve the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (UNAVEM III) at its next meeting on this matter, which will take place in New York on 8 February.

Such a decision would be understood as a demonstration of the determination with which the international community views the maintenance of peace in Angola and would certainly help eliminate a certain ambiguity and hesitation that still seems to persist within UNITA.

Knowing how you take a sensitive interest in the resolution of the Angolan conflict, I am sure you will recommend to the Security Council the setting-up of UNAVEM III and its deployment on Angolan territory as soon as possible, with the specific mandate to fulfil its role as spelled out in the Lusaka Protocol.

(Signed) Jose Eduardo DOS SANTOS
President of the Republic of Angola